

Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

TWO SECTIONS

Herald and News

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Weather News

August 6—High 81, Low 48. Precipitation as of July 31, 1943. Stream year to date 17.88. Last year 13.17. Normal 12.82.

AMERICANS STORM, TAKE TROINA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS RUMORS of German jitters fill the air today. A SWISS newspaper, quoting a traveler just returned from Germany, says the most PERSISTENT rumor is that a military dictatorship will be set up in September.

(NOTE, please, that these rumors follow the downfall of fascism in Italy and the setting up of what appears to be military dictatorship. Ideas, you know, DO SPREAD.)

THIS returned Swiss traveler thinks possible replacement of Hitler may be more wishful thinking than the truth, but adds: "There is CERTAINLY much speculation among the people as to the possibility of ending the devastating battles and returning to peace, in which human wisdom would again have the upper hand."

YOU'D be silly to believe these rumors implicitly. But DON'T UTTERLY DISBELIEVE them.

Remember this: The comforting German plan all along has been to withdraw, IF NECESSARY, from outlying conquered areas to the "fortress of Europe" in which German military power would, with short interior lines, defy the enemy indefinitely and win a stalemated peace.

This comforting dream of unshakable German security has been rudely shaken by the stern realities of ALLIED AIR POWER.

The quip that set England laughing a while back—to the effect that "the trouble with Hitler's fortress of Europe is that it HAS NO ROOF"—was coined BEFORE HAMBURG.

HAMBURG'S fate appears to have impressed the Germans profoundly—especially the Berliners, who have a pretty good idea they're next on the list. London hears today through German sources (spies, presumably) that Berlin is approaching a state of panic, with mass stampedes of terrified people seeking to get away from the doomed city.

There are reports that the Berliners' panic is being fed by bomb-crazed refugees from Hamburg who are spreading stories of fantastic casualties and horrors in that destroyed metropolis.

There are rumors from the neutral countries that the Germans are planning to declare Berlin an "open city" in hopes of saving it from the fate of Hamburg.

WE DON'T have to rely entirely upon rumors for a picture of German panic following Hamburg.

Suppose the Japs had just destroyed San Francisco from the air, in spite of ALL we could do to prevent it. Los Angeles would be reasonably certain that it would be next, and might be getting panicky.

Even up here, some of us might be heading for the hills with our families.

REMEMBER 1918 and what followed when the going got bad for Germany. Remember Tacitus' estimate (made 2000 years ago) of the AN-

Hitler Totters on Brink of Crisis

Hamburg Shipyard Blasting Brings Fear to Heart of Berliners



While a screen of smoke from previous attacks hangs over the devastated port of Hamburg, bomb bursts from an attack by U. S. Flying Fortresses add their shattering blasts to the wreckage. Bursts hit the great Howaldtswerke shipyards. U-boat production center in the port which gave haven to one-third of the German undersea fleet. Hamburg was raided in greatest force by nine attacks in 10 days. A Danish consular official estimates the cost in life at 200,000. Army air forces photo.

DRAFT 'NASTY NOT BIG,' SAYS HERSHEY

Two Million Men Will Be Needed in Next Year

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7 (P)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey said today "selective service, in the procurement of men for the armed forces, is on the plateau" and "the job ahead of us is nasty but not big."

He said 2,000,000 men would be needed within the next year, and that they could not be expected to come entirely from sources other than fathers from 18 to 37.

Albert Gienger, Early Chiloquin Merchant, Dies

Albert Charles Gienger, 68, for 34 years connected with various merchandising enterprises in Klamath county, died Friday evening at his home at Chiloquin.

Mr. Gienger had been suffering for some time from a heart ailment which was believed responsible for his death.

The Chiloquin merchant was born in Wurttemberg, Germany. He came to Klamath Falls from Tillamook 34 years ago, and for a number of years was in business here.

He operated the old Ashland fruit market at Third and Main streets. Moving to Chiloquin, he operated a general merchandise business which he sold to the Klamath Supply. He then returned to Klamath Falls, and for a time ran a store at Sixth and Main streets.

U. S. Airmen Bring Ruin to South Pacific Jap Bases

By C. YATES McDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, Aug. 7 (P)—Vulnerable spots where the next blows against the Japanese may fall now that Munda is ours, felt the fiery impact of America's growing air might in the Pacific during raids reported in today's communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

All Crater Lake Entrances Now Open to Travel

All entrances, including the north and east gates are now open to Crater Lake, it was announced by Thomas C. Parker, assistant superintendent of Crater Lake national park Saturday.

The rim road around the lake is also passable, though it is not in the best of condition.

There is still plenty of snow at the lake, according to Parker, who said the depth is that which is usually found in May and June, and it is probable that the snow will remain on the ground all summer.

There are no lodge or store accommodations at the lake this year, though many people bring their own lunches and spend the day at the resort.

Community Sing To Boost August Sale of War Bonds

A big community sing in front of the American Legion hall at 8 p. m. Tuesday is set as an outstanding August event in the American Legion-sponsored war bond drive.

Mrs. Elsie Weaver is in general charge of this event. A feature of the evening will be an auction of bonds and stamps, with merchandise and airplane rides offered. The public was urgently invited to attend this gathering. A previous community sing in connection with the bond drive was an outstanding success.

NAZIS EVACUATING SMOLENSK REGION

Orel Deflation Puts Big German Base In Danger

LONDON, Aug. 7 (P)—Russian troops driving on Bryansk advanced six to eight miles, capturing more than 100 populated places today, Moscow announced.

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, Aug. 7 (P)—Information received from Russian guerrillas behind the German lines today said the nazis were carrying out a general civilian evacuation of the Smolensk region.

Smolensk, 220 miles west of Moscow and probably the most important German base in all Russia, would be endangered by complete deflation of the Orel salient to the southeast as the Russians already hold positions less than 50 miles to the northeast between Yartsevo and Vyazma.

The information from the par- (Continued on Page Two)

Admirals Celebrate Anniversary of South Pacific Battle by Outlining Strategy, Promising Jap Destruction

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (P)—Admiral Ernest J. King outlined today an allied world strategy aimed at keeping China in the war against Japan and exerting "every possible effort" to assist Russia by diverting German forces from the Russian front.

The commander in chief of the United States fleet said that in the Pacific area the allies are following a "concerted plan of operations" to put increasing pressure on Japanese communications and also capture strategic positions "which enable us to give the enemy more hell as we go along."

King, a member of the allied high command as well as chief of the fleet, discussed the war in an interview granted on the request of wire service reporters at the navy department.

DICTATORSHIP RUMORS SWEEP QUAKING REICH

Important Military, Political Talks Take Place

By FRANK BRUTTO BERN, Switzerland, Aug. 7 (P)—The Neue Zuercher Nachrichten reported today that a traveler who had just returned from Germany said that among rumors sweeping the reich was the "most persistent" one that a military dictatorship might be set up in September.

The article gave a measure of support to recent reportings of Spanish correspondents in Berlin that momentous developments were shaping inside Germany. The traveler was not identified.

Wishful Thinking The expectation of the replacement of Hitler by a military dictatorship as soon as September may be more "wishful thinking than the truth," said the writer in Nachrichten, but he added that certainly there was much speculation reported among the people on the possibility of ending the "devastating battles and returning to peace, in which human wisdom would again have the upper hand."

Upon arrival in Berlin, the traveler was quoted as saying, he was bombarded with questions, mostly "When will the war end?"

Fear Defeat The hope of victory no longer keeps the Germans plodding, he said, but the fear of defeat. As a result, he added, a cleft had developed among thinking German people, one side eager to see (Continued on Page Two)

Police Hunt Lone Spokane Bank Bandit

SPOKANE, Aug. 7 (P)—Search was continuing today for the lone bandit who made away with \$5376 in the holdup of the Old National bank's East Sprague branch yesterday.

The taxicab which he commandeered to make his escape later was found in the warehouse district near the center of the city, Detective August Bettinger reported. He quoted a witness as saying a man left the cab and walked toward the business district, one hand stuffed in his shirt front.

Bettinger saw a possibility, however, that the bandit might (Continued on Page Two)

Victim



Mrs. W. B. Gurney, 28, whose 3-day-old daughter, Judith, was kidnapped from an Albany hospital nursery, is shown with her 8-year-old daughter, Marlene. No trace of the missing child has been found.

BABY KIDNAPPING 'PERFECT CRIME'

No Evidence Found; Mrs. Gurney Improved

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 7 (P)—The mysterious disappearance of baby Judith Gurney took on the aspect of the "perfect crime" today as authorities admitted flatly they lacked "one iota" of evidence to link anyone with the case.

Harlow Weinrick, Linn county district attorney, said that investigating officers were "just as much in the dark now as on the day the child disappeared." She was missed from her crib in the Albany general hospital nursery early Tuesday when she was two days old.

Strangers Observers reported unidentified strangers in civilian clothes had arrived in Albany and apparently were working on the case, but the FBI said it was taking no part in the investigation. Russell Kramer, chief of the (Continued on Page Two)

Dry Creek Timber Blaze Under Control

The 400-acre timber blaze in the Dry creek area near Lakeview is now under control, Klamath Forest Protective association officials disclosed today. Mopping-up operations were in progress Saturday, but it was too early to estimate damage to timber in the area. The fire started about a week ago.

VITAL SICILY BASE GRABBED FROM JERRIES

Nazi Line Disjointed; 125,000 Axis Prisoners

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 7 (P)—American first division troops have stormed and captured the vital mountain fortress town of Troina in central Sicily and allied forces advanced on other sectors to sweep up a total of 125,000 axis prisoners, headquarters announced today.

A field dispatch reported that Italian soldiers in Biancavilla, 15 miles northwest of Catania and two miles south of Adrano, raised white flags and surrendered yesterday to British eighth army units after a heavy air raid.

Line Disjointed "The German line is now disjointed" by seizure of Troina guarding the escape hatch west of Mt. Etna, it was announced. U. S. units inflicted heavy casualties on German elite troops defending the town in some of the most savage fighting of the entire campaign.

American naval forces occupied the island of Ustica, 40 miles north of Palermo, and allied bombers shattered Messina in their heaviest attack devastating their last Sicilian escape port. British warships again pounded the east coastal road of withdrawal near Taormina.

Threatens Retreat The fall of Troina threatened to prevent junction of the German 15th armored division and Herman Goering division in their retreat toward Messina.

(Field reports Tuesday had said Troina was taken, but the Americans had been able only to win footholds near the town in the face of the stern German opposition.)

The Sicilian front now is only 45 miles wide.

The British eighth army advanced on all sectors, threatened (Continued on Page Two)

Retroactive Pay Dates for CIO Workers Told

Retroactive dates for seven and a half cent pay increases to employes of logging operations affiliated with the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, have been recommended by Referee Richard M. Steiner, of the war labor board, and will come before the West Coast Lumber commission for approval.

August 11 has been recommended for the retroactive date for Algoma Lumber company. Other retroactive date recommendations are August 26 for the John G. Ogburn Lumber company, for the Burley Lumber company, Feather River company, Shevlin-Hixon Lumber, Brooks-Scanlon, Scott, McCLOUD Lumber company, the Medford corporation, Chiloquin Lumber company, Maxwell logging, the Hitchcock company and the Crawford Lumber company.

Weyerhaeuser and Long Bell employes have been recommended for a retroactive increase back to September 1.

Steiner recommended September 25 for the retroactive date for Ochocho Lumber company employes.

Allied Bombs Fall On Western Germany

LONDON, Aug. 7 (P)—A large force of planes, apparently heavy bombers, thundered southward across the English Channel early today and the Nazi high command said some bombs were dropped over western Germany "without causing damage."

Specific targets were not immediately disclosed. Britain had its sixth air raid in a row. Not a single air raid casually has been reported since 23 days.